

**Minutes of the meeting of South Petherwin Parish Council held on
Wednesday 15th July 2026, at 7.00pm, in South Petherwin Methodist Chapel Schoolroom,
South Petherwin.**

Present: Cllr P Parsons (Chairman), Cllr Barlow, Cllr Ashdown, Cllr Dixon, Cllr Screech, Cllr Middleton

In Attendance: Alison Barham, Parish Clerk

There were 2 members of the public present.

Item No		Action By
1	Chairman's welcome. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.	
2	Apologies. Cllr Harold Rowse; Cllr Adrian Parsons, CC	
3	Declarations of Interest. a) Agenda Items. Cllr Barlow 18d b) Gifts. None declared.	
4	Consideration of written requests for dispensation. None received.	
5	Casual Vacancies. None received.	
6	Unitary Councillor's Report was forwarded to members. Launceston College: In early June positive meetings were had with the new CEO Mark Blackman of the Athena MAT at Launceston College, including open and honest discussions regarding the behavioural policy within the trust and the impact it was having on mental health and wellbeing. It was clear that change would be coming, and this became more apparent when it was announced that the Athena MAT which has been in control of Launceston College along with other schools in Devon and Cornwall will be disbanded. The most likely outcome now is that the schools involved will be taken over by other trusts. Housing: Cornwall Council are now looking to develop an additional 400 acres of their own land to deliver an extra 4000 homes to meet local needs. This is on top of the 800-acre site at Langarth. Housing Viability Review: Cornwall Council has reviewed housing viability and found growing challenges, particularly in more affordable communities (Housing Value Zones 4 and 5). To address this, it proposes time-limited amendments to certain Local Plan policies aimed at improving viability and increasing housing delivery in these areas. These temporary measures will be reviewed annually and withdrawn once market conditions improve. A first set of measures are to go to a Cornwall Council Individual Decision Day on 8 July, seeking support. Further, more substantial measures are under review, with decisions expected in the autumn. The Council will engage town and parish councils in affected areas to gather input before finalising these proposals. Trekelland Bridge again sees another road closure for its repair on the B3254 following the most recent damage, options for change are limited as the bridge is listed but clearly something needs to change as we can't carry on like this.	

	The latest Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service inspection report from His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabularies and Fire and Rescue Services outlines the significant progress made across the service in recent years. Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service has been rated good at responding to fires and other emergencies, with inspectors highlighting the service's innovative risk-sharing system, which helps keep both firefighters and members of the public safe during incidents. People who use heating oil to heat their home could be eligible for a new £9,000 government grant to upgrade to a heat pump, helping to protect their energy bill from price spikes. The new grant will be available from 21 July.	
7	Public Participation. A parishioner gave more information on the grant to be discussed in agenda point 18d. Another parishioner asked if the Parish Council were aware of the recent damage to the village pump, which they were as it had been reported immediately to Cllr Barlow.	
8	Response to Public Participation. The Chair thanked the members of the public for their comments and information.	
9	Planning. a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised: PA26/03517 Reserved Matters application Land adjacent to Trelinnoe Close. It was RESOLVED to support the application, proposed by Cllr Middleton, seconded by Cllr Screech with all in favour. PA26/04524 Proposed front extension. The Firs, Tregada. It was RESOLVED to support the application, proposed by Cllr Ashdown, seconded by Cllr Barlow with all in favour. b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published: None received. c) Planning decisions from Cornwall Council. PA26/02686 Highfield South Petherwin Proposal Variation of Condition 2 in respect of Decision Notice PA20/07309 APPROVED PA19/06624 Ltd Land at Kennards House Proposal Outline application with all matters reserved APPROVED PA26/02455 Highfield South Petherwin. Proposed orangery/extension. APPROVED d) Other Planning Matters. None.	
10	a) Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th June 2026 The Clerk advised of two small amends from the draft version. Amends accepted, proposed by Cllr Barlow seconded by Cllr Screech with all in favour. It was then RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of that meeting Proposed by Cllr Ashdown and seconded by Cllr Dixon, all in favour. b) Confidential Minutes of the Closed Session meeting held on 10th June 2026 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes are a true record of that meeting Proposed by Cllr Barlow and seconded by Cllr Screech, all in favour.	
11	Matters Arising from the above Minutes. None.	
12	A30/B3257 Junction at Bodmin Services (Plusha). Feedback given for presentation from online meeting 10th June.	
13	Emergency Plan. Exercise to be delayed until end of October meeting.	
14	Wind Turbine Funding. Ongoing.	
15	Parish Matters a) Newcomer Welcome Pack. Cllr Barlow has started this pack, and will formalise a description of what is given to new parishioners. b) Neighbourhood watch/cascade system. Cllr Barlow is reaching out to possible Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators. This could then feed into Emergency Planning.	Cllr Barlow

	d) Help with maintenance of school playground. Clerk to contact Eleanor Farnes at CC re S106 agreement guidelines. If ok, will contact Head at School re applying for a possible grant. e) Planted container on Trelinnoe Gardens, damaged by being sat on, will be moved slightly (not Parish Council property).	Clerk
16	Highway and Footpath matters a) Flashing speed sign locations suggested are Trecogo Lane End and Tiny Meadows, using existing poles where possible. Clerk to set up meeting with Oliver Jones at Highways. b) Enhanced LMP grant. Council to consider if they want to apply for any projects. c) Church Walk. Deferred as Cllr Rowse not present at meeting.	Clerk
17	Correspondence a) Cornwall Local Councils Conference: Clerk to look into attending. b) Pennon Group open letter c) CALC EGM d) British Gas: rise in non-energy costs	
18	Finance. a) Payments. It was RESOLVED to accept the payments for Community Heartbeat Trust and Cllr Barlow received after the agenda, proposed Cllr Parsons seconded by Cllr Dixon with all in favour. It was RESOLVED to make the payments for June proposed by Cllr Middleton seconded by Cllr Ashdown with all in favour of the following: Online – A Barham, Clerk’s salary etc. for June Online – HMRC, Clerk’s March PAYE, Employer NIC for June Online – Angela Peerless cleaning of toilets & bus shelter April - £56.00 Online – SP Methodist Chapel Hall (hire) £145.00 Online – Cornwall Council emptying of new dog bin £183.00 Online – Community Heartbeat Trust annual support for defibrillator £235.20 Online – Cllr Barlow: Welcome cards, tree stump killer, paint for phone box £31.66 Direct Debit – British Gas, monthly direct debit for electricity for toilets - £19.46 Direct Debit – Unity Trust, service charge - £7.00 Receipts: Interest. Deposit account £88.99, Wind Turbine account £53.19 It was RESOLVED that the Clerk purchase a lockable fire-proof A4 storage box. Proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Ashdown, with all in favour. b) Bank Reconciliations. It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation for June proposed by Cllr Ashdown seconded by Cllr Barlow with all in favour. The bank balances at 30th June 2026 totalled £35,253.61 (includes £10,184.52 Wind Turbine Fund) c) Audit 2025/26. One small query from external auditors. d) Grant applications received for the Wind Turbine fund: Kowethas Paternus. It was RESOLVED to grant the funding of £1,500 to help towards preserving the fabric of this historical Grade 1 listed building for future generations, which is used for many community events. Proposed by Cllr Middleton, seconded by Cllr Ashdown with all in favour. Grant application form to be reviewed by the Clerk. e) CIL funding. Ongoing (flashing speed signs, pump, noticeboards) f) To RESOLVE to pay the Clerk’s July salary and HMRC for August plus other urgent payments (there being no meeting in August the papers will be circulated for approval and ratified at the September meeting). Proposed by Cllr Middleton, seconded by Cllr Screech with all in favour.	Clerk

19	Any Other Business. Cllr Barlow wished to thank Cllr Adrian Parsons for helping a parishioner with getting repairs to his council bungalow accelerated. Phone box – the Council thanked Cllr Barlow for her hard work in clearing out and repainting the phone box. Cllr Barlow was given some drawings by a young parishioner which will be laminated and put in the phone box.	
20	Items for inclusion in future meetings. Quarry bend, several accidents recently. Trekelland Bridge continually being damaged. Broken drinking trough on main road.	
21	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: September 9th 2026. It was RESOLVED that there will be no meeting in August. Proposed by Cllr Parsons seconded by Cllr Ashdown with all in favour. September 9 th 2026 October 14 th 2026 All meetings will be held at South Petherwin Methodist Chapel Hall. There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:02 hours.	

Signed.....Chairman Dated.....